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RESPONSE

Sir:

A petition for a one-month extension of time and form PTO-2038 authorizing the charge of the appropriate fee of \$110 is included herewith.

In view of the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of July 16, 2003, Applicant has identified three groupings of claims believed to represent the three patentably

07/12/2004 AJOHNS01d@stnxx.com identified in the Office Action. These claim groupings comprise:

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Group I: claims 1-17, 51-63, and 89-97.

Group II: claims 18-34, 64-76, and 98-106.

Group III: claims 35-50, 77-88, and 107-114.

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In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects to pursue claims of **Group III**, including claims 35-50, 77-88, and 107-114. Applicant requests examination of these claims and Applicant withdraws the other claims not elected herein. Two divisional patent applications are being filed concurrently herewith containing the withdrawn claims. One divisional application contains the claims of Group I and the other divisional application contains the claims of Group II.

Applicant submits that currently pending claims are allowable over the references of record and stand in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the passing of the present application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kindly contact me to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

Regard,
John R. Harris

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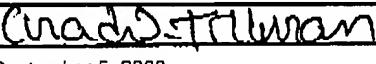
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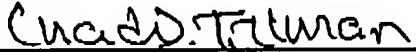
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